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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN MEDIA COVERAGE OF BIRO VISIT

1. ALL HUNGARIAN MORNING PAPERS AND YESTERDAY EVENING'S PAPER CONTAINED MEDIUM SIZE BUT GOOD ARTICLES IN MIDDLE PAGES ABOUT BIRO VISIT TO U.S. MOST SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT OF ARTICLES, HIGHLIGHTED BY ITALICS IN ONE PAPER, IS STATEMENT THAT TWO SIDES AGREED THAT AT THE TIME OF THE ADOPTION (ELFOGADASAKOR) OF THE TRADE LEGISLATION THEY WOULD BEGIN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT A COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT AND IN THAT FRAMEWORK ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT OF UNDECIDED TRADE POLICY QUESTIONS, ABOVE ALL ABOUT THE RECIPROCAL GRANTING OF MOST FAVORED NATION TREATMENT.

2. REPORTS ON VISIT STATE THAT BOTH SIDES HAD NOTED THAT IN SPITE OF "DIFFICULTIES, BARRIERS AND UNRESOLVED POLICY QUESTIONS" TRADE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND HUNGARY HAD SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS. MEETINGS WERE CHARACTERIZED AS HAVING TAKEN PLACE IN "CONSTRUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE" AND AS HAVING BEEN JUDGED "MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL" BY BOTH SIDES. SAYS AMERICAN AND HUNGARIAN PARTNERS AGREED TO CONTINUE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS IN A SIMILAR SPIRIT.

3. IN ADDITION TO NEWSPAPER COVERAGE, HUNGARIAN
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TELEVISION ALSO PICTURED BIRO VISIT IN 30-SECOND ITEM

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